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AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

LONDON:—F. ALAN, 8, Clement's Lane, Lombard Street, George Street & Co., 30, Cornhill, Gordon & Gotoh, Ludgate Circus, E. C. BATES, HENDY & Co., 4, Old Jewry, H. C. SAMUEL, DRAGON & Co., 150 & 154, Leadenhall Street.

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AUSTRALIA, TASMANIA, AND NEW ZEALAND:—GORDON & GOTCH, Melbourne and Sydney.

SAN FRANCISCO and American Ports generally:—BROWN & BLACK, San Francisco.

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BANKS.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, \$5,000,000 Dollars. RESERVE FUND, \$1,300,000 Dollars.

COURT OF DIRECTORS.

Chairman—W. H. FORBES, Esq.

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MANAGER.

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LONDON BANKERS.—London and County Bank.

HONGKONG.

INTEREST ALLOWED.

ON Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

For Fixed Deposits:—
For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 4 " "
" 12 " 5 " "

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.

Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drafts, granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager,
Office of the Corporation,
No. 1, Queen's Road East,
Hongkong, February 15, 1879.

ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION.

(Incorporated by Royal Charter.)

RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON FIXED DEPOSITS.

At 3 months' notice 3% per Annum.
" 6 " 4 " "
" 12 " 5 " "

On Current Accounts at Rates which can be ascertained at their Office.

D. A. J. CROMBIE,
Acting Manager,
Oriental Bank Corporation,
Hongkong, November 23, 1878.

CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA, AND CHINA.

CAPITAL, \$600,000.
RESERVE FUND, \$150,000.

Bankers.

THE BANK OF ENGLAND.
THE CITY BANK.

THE NATIONAL BANK OF SCOTLAND.

THE BANK'S BRANCH in Hongkong grants Drafts on London and the chief Commercial places in Europe and the East; buys and receives for collection Bills of Exchange, and conveys all kinds of Banking and Exchange Business.

RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS.

On Current Accounts, 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS.

For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 4 " "
" 12 " 5 " "

FOR SALE.

RECENTLY ARRIVED, AND FOR SALE.

RODGERS'S CELEBRATED CUTLERY.

WATERLOW'S and DE LA RUE'S STATIONERY.

DESSERT and DINNER SERVICES.

TABLE GLASSWARE.

GENTS' TOOL CHESTS.

CABIN SUSPENSION and BULK-HEAD SWINGING LAMPS for OIL.

CABIN SWINGING CANDLE-STICKS.

SIGNAL and MASTHEAD LAMPS, (Latest Admiralty Regulation).

TUBE EXPANDERS, Assorted Sizes.

ENGINEER'S HAMMERS.

MATHEMATICAL INSTRUMENTS.

COPPER WIRE, GAUZE.

SPIRIT LEVELS.

INDIA RUBBER SHEETS, Assorted Sizes.

INSERTION RUBBER, Assorted Sizes.

INDIA RUBBER DOOR MATS.

INDIA RUBBER SUCTION and DELIVERY HOSE.

CANVAS DELIVERY HOSE.

LEATHER BELTING.

A Large and Choice Assortment of American and English

ELECTRO-PLATED WARE.

NEW and POPULAR BOOKS,

INSTRUCTIVE and AMUSING.

EDUCATIONAL WORKS.

WORKS OF REFERENCE.

PRESENTATION BOOKS.

NOVELS, &c.

MUSIC & SONGS,

by First-class Composers,

OPERAS, MUSICAL INSTRUCTION BOOKS, &c.

A Fine Selection of SHERRIES.

Very Fine "O. L."

BOURBON WHISKY.

CHATEAU DE BRANDS.

(A fine full flavored Breakfast CLARET.)

BRANDIES, &c.

LIQUORS.

ALUMS, &c.

LAMMERT, ATKINSON & CO.

Hongkong, February 21; 1879.

FOR SALE.

EUGENE RIMMEL'S TROPICAL FLOWER WATER.

SUPERIOR to ALL SIMILAR PREPARATIONS.

VOGEL & Co., Sole Agents for China.

Hongkong, February 19, 1879.

Intimations.

BONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

CONTRIBUTING Shareholders are requested to send in an ACCOUNT OF BUSINESS CONTRIBUTED during the half year ended 31st December 1878, on or before March 31st, on which date the Accounts will be Closed.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

D. GILLIERS, Secretary,

Hongkong, February 25, 1879.

HONGKONG WHARF & GODOWNS STORAGE.

GOODS RECEIVED on STORAGE at Moderate Rates, in FIRST-CLASS GODOWNS, under European supervision; and VESSELS Discharged alongside the WHARF, on favorable Terms, with quick despatch.

MEYER & Co., Proprietors,

Hongkong, November 20, 1878.

F. HUTCHINGS

begs to announce to the Community of Hongkong that he will be able to supply

BEEF, MUTTON, &c.,

from 1st October, and trusts that they may grant him their support.

SHOP—WELLINGTON STREET, opposite the Cathedral.

Hongkong, September 20, 1878.

DENTAL NOTICE.

D. ROGERS will visit SHANGHAI

during the Summer Months, leaving

Hongkong on the 1st of April next.

Hongkong, February 10, 1879.

NOTICE.

FROM the 1st of OCTOBER,

DE EASTLACE will receive his

PATIENTS at his new DENTAL ROOMS,

No. 50, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, over the

MEDICAL HALL.

Hongkong, September 28, 1878.

NOTICE.

DE EASTLACE will receive his

PATIENTS at his new DENTAL ROOMS,

No. 50, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, over the

MEDICAL HALL.

Hongkong, September 28, 1878.

Intimations.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

ARE AGENTS FOR

CURIER and ADETS' CLARETS. W. T. ALLEN & Co.'s ORNAMENTAL IRON WORK. GILBERT & SONS WINES. BASS'S DRAUGHT ALE. LETT'S DIARIES. ISIGNY BUTTER. TEACHER'S WHISKY. CONSTABULARY REVOLVERS. THE NEW LIFE JACKET. LONDON & CHINA EXPRESS, OVERLAND MAIL, and THE HOME NEWS.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

Beg to call Special Attention to the following Departments:—

COAST ORDER DEPARTMENT:

ORDERS from the COAST or OUT-PORTS are Promptly and Carefully Executed. Goods not in Stock will be procured, if possible, in the Colony.

SPECIAL ORDER DEPARTMENT:

BOOKS, SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS, ORNAMENTAL HOUSE or GARDEN FITTINGS, FURNITURE, PIANOS, MEDICINES, BILLIARD TABLES, ARMS, &c., &c., ordered from ENGLAND, at a Commission (all trade discounts being allowed) on the laid down cost, of 5 per cent. on amounts over, and 10 per cent. on amounts under \$100.

FORWARDING AGENCY:

PACKAGES of CURIOS, TEA, PRESERVES, &c., &c., forwarded to any Address in the UNITED KINGDOM by each P. & O. Mail, Charges in full collected either here or from the Consignees as desired. Particulars required with each Package are, Contents for declaration at Customs and value for insurance.

Hongkong, February 27, 1879.

EIGHT PER CENT. SILVER LOAN

THE CHINESE IMPERIAL GOVERNMENT, Authorized by Imperial Decree dated the 14th Day of the Ninth Moon of the Fourth Year of Kwong-Sil (9th October, 1878)

PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST PAYABLE IN HONGKONG.

PRICE OF ISSUE—PAR.

THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION hereby invites SUBSCRIPTIONS for SHANGHAI TAELS 1,787,000 of 8 PER CENT. Bonds at the issue PRICE of PAR, payable as follows:

SHANGHAI TAELS 10 per cent. on application.

90 " 15 days after allotment.

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Intimations.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.
No. 98.
CHINA SEA.

SHANGHAI DISTRICT.—WOOSUNG
RIV. SR.

WOOSUNG INNER BAR SIGNALS.

NOTICE is hereby given that on and after the 31st March, 1879, Geometrical Signals will be substituted for the flags now in use at the Woosung Inner Bar Station, shewing the depth of water on the Bar during the day.

An explanatory diagram, shewing the signals which indicate the depth of water from 10 feet to 24 feet and which will show the same in approaching the signal station both from Shanghai and from seaward, is added herewith.

To indicate a rising tide a ball will be hoisted at the mast head.

In case of there being greater or less depths of water than here given, the number of feet will be signalled by the "Universal Code of Signals" at the mast-head, and the half feet by a red and white flag at the yard-arm.

By order of the Inspector-General of Customs.

GERALD E. WELLESLEY,
Acting Engineer-in-Chief.
Imperial Maritime Customs,
Engineer's Office,
Shanghai, 31st Jan., 1879.

Depth of water in feet on Bar.	South Yards-arm	North Yards-arm	Depth of water in feet on Bar.	South Yards-arm	North Yards-arm
10	▲	▲	17	●	●
10½	▲	▲	18	●	●
11	▲	▲	19	●	●
11½	●	●	19½	●	●
12	●	●	20	●	●
12½	●	●	20½	●	●
13	●	●	21	●	●
14	●	●	21½	●	●
14½	●	●	22	●	●
15	●	●	22½	●	●
15½	●	●	23	●	●
16	●	●	23½	●	●
16½	●	●	24	●	●
17	●	●	24½	●	●

NOTICE TO MARINERS.
No. 98.
CHINA SEA.

PEIHO RIVER—TIENTSIN DISTRICT.

TAKU BAR LIGHT.

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 9th Instant, the Hulk "Ade" sank at her moorings outside the Taku Bar, in 8 fathoms at low water spring.

The "Taku Bar Light," which was exhibited at her Mast, will therefore be discontinued for the present.

By order of the Inspector-General of Customs.

GERALD E. WELLESLEY,
Acting Engineer-in-Chief.

Imperial Maritime Customs,
Engineer's Office,
Shanghai, 14th March, 1879.

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Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be Responsible for any Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:—

NEHEMIAH GIBSON, American barque, Capt. D. Bradford—Meyer & Co.

JOHANN FRIEDRICH, German brig, Capt. A. H. Kromke—Wieler & Co.

GOLDEN FLEECE, British barque, Capt. James Wiltsire—Gilmour & Co.

ONEIDA, British ship, Captain S. Clyma—Gibb, Livingston & Co.

FEUERS CASTLE, British steamer, Capt. Jno. Kidder—Adamson Bell & Co.

JAN PETER, German barque, Capt. K. H. Ewert—Meyer & Co.

URANOS, Norwegian barque, Captain L. Berg—Arnold Karberg & Co.

CHOICE, British barque, Captain John Harrison—Douglas LaPraik & Co.

ALICE, German steamer, Capt. Burge—Order.

Notices to Consignees.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES.

S. S. ANADYR.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo per S. S. "Anadyr," from London, in connection with the above Steamer, are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and stored at their risk at the Company's Godowns, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on, unless Intimation is received from the Consignees, before To-day, the 21st instant, at 1 p.m., requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned.

Goods remaining unclaimed after Friday, the 28th instant, at Noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

G. de CHAMPEAUX,
Agent.

Hongkong, March 21, 1879.

Notices to Consignees

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES of the following Cargo are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and take immediate delivery. This Cargo has been landed and stored at their risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

G. de CHAMPEAUX,
Agent.

Ex "Ava."

H. J. A. H. (in cross) No. 107, A'dridge Salmon & Co., 1 case Hosiery, from London,

Ex "Amazon."

M. F. (in diamond) J. W. P. (underneath) No. 4045, Order, 1 case Cotton, from London.

J. H. H. No. 14, Order, 1 case Hosiery, from London.

Hongkong, March 15, 1879.

FROM LONDON, PENANG AND
SINGAPORE.

NOTICE.

THE Steamship Scotland, Captain Atkinson, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and take immediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding discharge will be at once landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded to Yokohama, unless Notice to the contrary be given before noon to-morrow.

RUSSELL & Co.

Hongkong, March 19, 1879.

OCCIDENTAL & ORIENTAL S. S.
COMPANY.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo per Steamship "GAELIC," from San Francisco, &c., are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding discharge of the Steamer will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

G. B. EMORY,
Agent.

Hongkong, March 19, 1879.

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE GERMAN BARK JAN PETER,
FROM ROTTERDAM.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-named Vessel are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

MEYER & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, March 19, 1879.

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To-day's Advertisements.

FOR HOIHOW AND HAIPHONG.

The departure of the German Steamship "ATALANTA" for the above Ports, has been POSTPONED until WEDNESDAY, the 26th Instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
MEYER & Co.,
Hongkong, March 24, 1879.

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FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW.

The Steamship "DOUGLAS," Capt. Young, will be despatched for the above Ports on THURSDAY, the 27th Instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LAPEAK & Co.,
Hongkong, March 24, 1879.

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TENDERS are invited for REPAIRS

to the British Barque "ORANGE GROVE." For particulars, apply to Capt. Longmuir, on board, or to

GEO. R. STEVENS & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, March 24, 1879.

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THE CHINESE INSURANCE CO.,
LIMITED.

NOTICE.

M. R. J. BRADLEE SMITH has this Day been appointed SECRETARY to the above Company.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

WM. REINERS,
Chairman.

Hongkong, March 24, 1879.

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SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

March 22, China, German steamer, 648, T. Ackermann, Shanghai March 19, General—Strassner & Co.

March 24, Emilio V., Italian barque, 724, A. Merello, Nagasaki March 19, Coal—D. Musso & Co.

March 23, Kild, British steamer, 3600, Geo. Lee, Bombay March 4, Galle 9, Penang 14, and Singapore 17, Mails and General—P. & O. S. N. Co.

March 24, Deucalion, British steamer, 1659, R. J. Brown, Liverpool Jan. 27, 1879, Posts of call, and Singapore March 16, General—BUTTERFIELD & SWINE.

March 24, Sea Gull, American steamer, 45, Fayden, White Rocks March 22, Trea-
sure (\$100,000)—CHINA TRADES' IN. Co.

March 24, Tartar, German brig, from Whampoa.

DEPARTURES.

Max. 28, China, for Canton.
23, Anadyr, for Shanghai.
23, Huai Yuen, for Shanghai.
23, Julie, for Saigon.
23, Herbert Black, for Portland (Oregon).

23, Namea, for Coast Ports.
23, Three Brothers, for Quinhon.
24, Scotland, for Yokohama.
24, Esmeralda, for Manila.

Cleared.

Coloma, for Portland (Oregon).
Fleur Castle, for Saigon.
Loudon Castle, for Saigon.
Atlanta, for Hoihow.
Marco Polo, for Tientsin.
Egmont, for Kobe.

ARRIVED.

Per Khiva, for Hongkong : from South-
ern China, Miss Walker, Sergeant, and Mrs.
Winter and children, and Mr. Haslam's
servants ; from Brindisi, Mr. Innes ; from
Bombay, Messrs. Grigor, and Ayeb ; from
Penang, 15 Chinese ; from Singapore, 42
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Governor's door, if, as is alleged, His Excellency is as yet officially ignorant of the change having been actually carried out. That such an important and serious step should have been taken and tolerated for a fortnight, without the strongest remonstrance, is more than we can conceive possible. We are perplexed, and can only look anxiously for the next *Gazette*.

We have all seen the proverbial antics of the performing monkey, and may have dropped a penny into the tin of the blind man's dog at that faithful animal trotted round to collect the contributions; but a more ludicrously queer performance than either of these might have been seen the other day in the Queen's Road. A seedy-looking Chinese, with a still less prepossessing black "tyke" was seen gravely walking along, when all at once the man set down a small frame with a treadle, which turned out to be a miniature model of the clumsy rice-pounding foot-mill. In obedience to a sign from the mill-owner, "Doggie" mounted the frame, and, resting his fore-legs on the upper part, he started the pounding treadle with his left hind leg, and kept it in motion with a precision which would have made his fortune in any rice-pounding establishment. Looking up at those attracted by this novel exhibition, he very speedily detected a movement towards payment, and daintly from his rostrum he took from his master a small basket and trotted towards the charitable donor. So soon as the cents jingled into the basket he turned and ran to his master, as if the delivery of the proceeds were a duty upon which his good and bad treatment depended. This dog had the appearance of the common China breed, but seemed to have suddenly stopped growing in order to devote his whole energies to this curious mode of turning a cent. His looks were grave and full of intelligence; and he evidently ranked himself among the class of Chinese labourers who are now beginning to make so great a stir in the political and commercial world.

Punch of February 15, under the heading "Olay v. Cotton," has the following:—

We recommend to the consideration of our friend *The Textile Manufacturer*, who was so severe on *Pinch* for his assault on the adulterers of cotton cloths with China clay, the report of the case of *Provost v. Langton* lately decided.

The action was for damages sustained by the discoloration of certain packages of grey shirting exported from Manchester to Shanghai.

The Plaintiffs said the discoloration was due to sizing. The Defendants said it was caused by stains from the tarpaulin wrapper of the packages. The case lasted eight days, and the Plaintiffs got a verdict. The Manufacturer of the cloth himself gave evidence that the sizing consisted of farina, China clay, chloride of magnesium, chloride of zinc, and blue. His son, the manager of the sizing department, admitted that each piece of 37 yards ought to weigh 8 lb., that of 37 yards might be about 8 lb. of size; it might be some ounces more; it might be 3 lb. 12 oz. or 4 lb. Thus the weight of the so-called "cloth" being about 8 lbs., one half consists of cotton, the rest of China clay, farina, and chemicals.

Please for the customers of our friends, the "Millers and their Men," at home and abroad.

HANCOCK & CO.'s Weekly Shipping Report, Pagoda Anchorage, 15th March, 1879.—

Arrivals During the Week.—March 11, Namos, from Hongkong; 14, Tah Yew, from Shanghai.

Departures During the Week.—March 9, Kwang Tung, for Hongkong; 11, Willow, for Newchwan; 11, Europe, for Shanghai; 13, Namos, for Hongkong.

Shipping in Port.—Ling Teng, Sheldrake, Anton Gunther, Willie, Hermann, Vale of Nith, Tah Yew.

THE CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

An extraordinary general meeting of the shareholders of this Company was held to-day, at the Company's Office, No. 39, Queen's Road, for the purpose of confirming the special resolutions passed at the extraordinary general meeting, held 10th March. The Chairman (Mr. W. Reiners) presided, and there were present: Messrs. E. R. Bellios, W. H. Brereton, T. G. Williamson, R. Deacon, A. E. Vaucher, J. Bradley, Smith (General Agent of the Company), Lee Thuck Cheong, Fung Tang, Leung Yip, Show Tung, Lee Sing, Lee Ying, A. O. D. Gourdin.

The CHAIRMAN stated that the meeting was a purely formal one, and moved the confirmation of the resolutions passed on 10th March.

Mr. DEACON seconded, and the motion was unanimously carried.

The eighth ordinary meeting of the shareholders of the Company was held immediately after the meeting reported above.—Mr. Reiners again presiding, and the following additional shareholders being present:—Messrs. J. H. Cox, H. Smith, W. R. Hughes, D. MacCulloch, G. B. Emory, and Pau Chow.

The Directors' report for the year ending Dec. 31st 1878, which has already appeared in our columns, was then read. A balance sheet and abstract of accounts accompanied the report.

The CHAIRMAN said the directors' report of the result of the last year's working would give general satisfaction. After paying all losses and expenses there remained for distribution the sum of \$78,733.66, which would enable them to bring up the reserve fund to over \$100,000, and divide amongst the contributors a bonus at the rate of 23½ per cent, as against 10 per cent the previous year. This was no doubt satisfactory. He hoped there would be a continued increase in their business next year. Since the conference meeting this afternoon Mr. Smith would

act as Secretary of the Company. The report was so full it was not necessary for him (as chairman) to say anything in addition. Before moving the adoption of the report he was prepared to hear any questions that might be put.

No shareholder apparently having any question to put,

The CHAIRMAN proposed, and Mr. Deacon seconded, the adoption of the report. Carried unanimously.

Mr. Bellios proposed, and Mr. Hughes seconded, the confirmation, as Directors of the Company, of Mr. D. A. J. Crombie and Mr. T. G. Williamson, in place of Mr. G. Moreland Kerr, and Mr. J. F. Seaman, who have left the Colony. Carried unanimously.

Mr. Fung Tang proposed, and Mr. Gourdin seconded, the re-election of Mr. Henry Smith, and Mr. L. Hanschid, as auditors of the Company. Carried unanimously.

There was no other business.

SUPREME COURT. IN ADMIRALTY.

March 24, 1879.

Before His Lordship the Chief Justice, with Capt. Cleveland, R.N., H.M.S. *Iron Duke*, and J. P. McEuen, Esq., Acting Harbour Master, as Nautical Assessors.

Promovent—Kwok Arong.
Impugnant—Schulz, Master.

This was a claim for damages for the loss of the stone junk *Sun-Hop Lee*, which was sunk by collision with the S. S. *Yangtze*, of which latter vessel the Impugnant was and is the master. The Hon. J. Russell, (Acting Queen's Advocate) instructed by Mr. Breton, was for the Impugnant; and Mr. J. Francis, instructed by Mr. Denys, for the Promovent.

Before proceeding with the case the Hon. Chief Justice asked the Queen's Advocate and Mr. Francis whether they agreed with the Court that the conduct of the Captain of the Danish brig and the pilot had been most exemplary. The Queen's Advocate and Mr. Francis readily agreed that their conduct in saving the lives of the men was praiseworthy, the pilot was instructed by the Court to have all their evidence with caution. Mr. Francis had made a point of the notions of places of the Chinese being very vague, but when he found the evidence they gave suited his theory he was anxious that it should have the utmost weight attached to it. The Queen's Advocate's contention was that skilled men like the Captain and Chief Officer were unlikely, accustomed as they were to intricate river navigation, to take the careless course alleged against them. The Captain and officer were both up on the bridge and saw the junk, and considered that there was no risk of collision. There would have been no collision had the junk kept the course she was on when she was sighted, as she ought to have done according to the rule of the road. If the evidence of the officers was to be relied on, the steamer had done all that could be expected of her. The learned Queen's Advocate quoted several cases to show that where there was no apparent risk the steamer was not called upon to do anything and the sailing ship was bound not to mislead or deceive the steamer but to keep on her course. By failing to do this the junk had in this case suffered her own destruction.

As to a proper look-out not being kept, what better look-out could there be than by the Captain on the bridge, with his night glasses, the second officer on the bridge, his first officer reliving him when he went below, and a man specially told off to look out from the fore part of the ship?

Mr. Francis having briefly replied, the Court reserved judgment.

First, his case was that the steamer had no lights. The evidence made him desert that point. As to the value of much of the evidence he (the Queen's Advocate) suggested that the Chinese, as was commonly the case with them, had mixed up a hazy version with their own experience of the affair. The promovent himself gave evidence that he never changed his course, and all the other witnesses from the junk said the same thing, while in the preliminary act, prepared presumably on the Captain's statements, the case was that the junk's head was put to port. The learned counsel's argument is that the place where the wreck was cast ashore helped them in deciding where the collision took place was with nothing; the wreck was washed west, of course, by the tide, and brought back by the reverse of the sea. The whole evidence as to the junk having a light was completely destroyed by the inconsistencies of the other evidence of the witnesses. He did not mean to say that these men were wilfully conspiring to get up a case, but when they contradicted each other so often on different points the Court would receive all their evidence with caution. Mr. Francis had made a point of the notions of places of the Chinese being very vague, but when he found the evidence they gave suited his theory he was anxious that it should have the utmost weight attached to it. The Queen's Advocate's contention was that skilled men like the Captain and Chief Officer were unlikely, accustomed as they were to intricate river navigation, to take the careless course alleged against them. The Captain and officer were both up on the bridge and saw the junk, and considered that there was no risk of collision. There would have been no collision had the junk kept the course she was on when she was sighted, as she ought to have done according to the rule of the road. If the evidence of the officers was to be relied on, the steamer had done all that could be expected of her. The learned Queen's Advocate quoted several cases to show that where there was no apparent risk the steamer was not called upon to do anything and the sailing ship was bound not to mislead or deceive the steamer but to keep on her course. By failing to do this the junk had in this case suffered her own destruction.

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NEWS BY THE ENGLISH MAIL.

The P. and O. Co.'s steamship *Khiva*, Captain George Lee, with the London mail of the 14th February, arrived yesterday morning.

TELEGRAMS.
(Straits Times)

Vienna, March 12.—The town of Szegedin in Hungary (situated on a branch of the River Danube) has been utterly destroyed by floods; the Orphanage has been laid in ruins, burying the inmates, and the mortality generally is simply appalling.

London, March 12.—A Russian circular note has been despatched to the Powers pointing out questions still undecided with regard to the Treaty of Berlin which might lead to fresh local disturbances.

London, March 13.—The marriage of H.R.H. Prince Arthur-William-Patrick Albert, Duke of Connaught and Strathearn, to H.R.H. Princess Louise-Marguerite-Alexandra-Victoria-Agnes, daughter of H.R.H. Prince Frederick-Charles of Prussia, was celebrated at Windsor this afternoon with great splendour. Her Majesty the Queen was present.

London, March 13.—A despatch of Lord Salisbury dated 26th January has just been published. It states that the action of the Russian officials in Bulgaria and Roumania is contrary to the Treaty of Berlin and aggravates the difficulty of its execution. It urges the immediate separation of Bulgaria and Roumania.

London, March 13.—The Chamber of Deputies has rejected a resolution recommending the impeachment of the Bragin and Rochebouet Cabinets. A large majority of the Government announced their intention of resigning if the resolution were adopted.

London, March 15.—The Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs said, in reply to a question, that a Manchester Firm had despatched arms and ammunition to Mozambique, but the British Government had taken steps to prevent these supplies reaching the Zulus.

London, March 14.—With reference to the previous telegram on this subject, the Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs is informed that the Arms are not intended for the Zulus.

In reply to a question, Sir Stafford Northcote, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, said it was not intended to supersede Lord Chelmsford.

(From Indian Papers.)

London, March 4.—In the House of Commons last night, the Secretary for War, in moving the army estimates, said that the Government has under consideration the formation of a reserve of officers, who will receive extra allowances and higher pay and be employed only when required. The question of heavy guns, he said, was at present seriously occupying the attention of the Government. No change was contemplated in the total strength of the army, which will be 185,000 men this year.

London, March 4, midnight.—In the House of Lords this evening, in reply to a question, Lord Cranbrook, the Secretary of State for India, said that every precaution to avoid a collision. In this case, the junk was first sighted one mile off, half a point on starboard bow. That rule applicable to the wider channel at Gibraltar was to be applied here, in narrower water, much more strictly. He charged it as another defeat on the part of the steamer that she did not slacken speed. Even admitting which he was not prepared to do, that the witnesses from the steamer were correct in saying that they had the junk in sight all the time, then they must have seen she was getting rapidly nearer them, and should have done something, slowed, stopped, or backed, or whistled to alarm the junk. A steamer was bound to do everything to avoid a collision. But he conceded that no proper lookout was kept, and said that in all human probability the man supposed to be on the look-out was helping the boatswain to stow the stores, being killed and wounded, and taken prisoners.

St. Petersburg, March 4.—A serious riot had occurred at Kieff. The police made a raid upon a secret printing press to confiscate it, and an armed resistance was made, which resulted in several persons being killed and wounded, and taken prisoners.

Paris, March 5.—M. Tirard, a strong free trader, has been appointed Minister of Agriculture and Commerce.

London, March 5.—The London banks have agreed to reduce the usage of eastern credits to four months instead of six, as at present, that suited him, and "discards the

Mining District in China," was lately read before the Civil and Mechanical Engineers' Society. It gives a graphic account of the *modus operandi* in the mines near Peking, and also in those at Chai Tang.

On the subject of the action or want of action on the part of the new Chinese Minister to Washington, Chen Lan Pin, we publish a correspondent's letter from Berlin, and one from New York, which through considerable light on the matter.

The *Maritime* announces that from the 6th April next their steamers leaving Marseilles for Singapore will run in connection with the Spanish mail steamers between Singapore and Manila, and vice versa.

At the second meeting of the representatives of India and China Banks, and the London Accepting Banks, held at the Oriental Bank for the purpose of considering the desirability of reducing the usance of bills from six to four months the matter was again adjourned. The delay in arriving at a decision indicates that it is not a stop in the interests of the Banks, but desirable in order to exclude some of the irresponsible people who have got into the tea trade.

The Court of Enquiry into the alleged grounding of the troop-ship *Malabar* having made their report to the admiralty their lordships have superseded Capt. Percy P. Luxmore by ordering Capt. Grand of the *Assurance* to assume command of the ship. Lieuts. Casement and Deane are also superseded.

The double-screw, iron armour-plated ship *Audacious* 14 6 34, tons, 4021 horse power, flag ship of Admirable Hillyer, C.B., Commander-in-Chief on the China station, arrived at Chatham on the 7th inst., on the completion of her term of commission. The *Audacious* was fitted out, and left Chatham on the 11th February and created great consternation. Lord Beaconsfield immediately summoned a Cabinet Council which decided that the following reinforcements should be sent to the Cape: First King's Dragoons, 17th Lancers, the M. Battery of the 6th Brigade, the N. Battery of the same brigade of artillery, thirtieth company of Royal Engineers, second battalion of the 21st foot, the 5th foot, the 3rd battalion of the 6th Rifles, 91st foot, 94th foot, and from Ceylon the 57th foot, making the total number of reinforcements, including the Army Service corps drafts, 8,500 men of all ranks. Fifteen steamers, including some of Cunard's and Inman's, were chartered for immediate conveyance of the troops. Embarkation commenced on the 18th Feb. The Queen has telegraphed: "I am truly grieved to learn the loss of our brave men, and I condole with their friends. It is my most heartfelt wish that this may be the last disaster to our troops."

THE AFGHAN WAR.

Calcutta, March 4.—The Commander-in-Chief has urged on the Government the necessity of deciding at once definitely whether troops are to advance or return or remain at Jellalabad, as their health must suffer severely unless they are put under better shelter than small huts. No arrangements for the halting of the troops are yet begun. General Browne is gone on leave to Peshawar. Yakoob is reported to have sued for peace on the condition that Government will make it worth his while to cease hostilities and keep the country quiet. The budget will be brought forward before the Viceroy leaves for Lahore.

Bombay, March 4.—The British India steamer *Manora*, with troops for Natal, arrived at Cape St. Vincent yesterday morning. This is the fastest passage on record, her average speed being 18.8 knots. Great enthusiasm prevails amongst the troops, which the pleasant voyage considerably enhanced.

Madras, March 5.—A special telegram to the *Gazette*, dated Attah Karez, Feb. 26th, states that the second Baluch regiment and the head quarters of the third Sindh Horse have been attacked to-day at Khakichopan by about 4,000 of the enemy, who were, however, repulsed with great loss. News has arrived here that 250 Baluches have marched to reinforce the district, which is 11 miles away. Major Reynolds was killed and Col. Malcolmson slightly wounded.

Calcutta, March 5.—A report has been received from Captain Conolly, dated Thnl, March 3rd, stating that Gundeswar Sari, eight miles east of Thnl, was attacked by Allies Herzai and Manoozai. General Sir T. Simon Pratt, K.C.B., colonel of the 87th (North Hampshire) Foot, died on the 2nd inst. The deceased general served in the campaign of 1814 in Holland, with the 50th Regiment as a volunteer, and was present at the attack on Meram and the subsequent bombardment of Antwerp. With the 26th Camerons he served on the China Expedition, and commanded the land forces at the assault and capture of the forts of Chuenpee, on Jan. 7, 1841, and again at the assault and capture of the Bogue forts on Jan 28 following. He commanded the 26th at the attack on Canton from May 24 to June 1, also at the night attack on Ningpo, at Segan, Chefoo, Woosung, Shanghai, and at Chin-Kiang, and the demonstration before Nanking; and was present at the signing of the treaty of peace on board Her Majesty's ship *Cornwallis*. From 1843 to 1850 he served as a knight commander of the Order of the Bath. Previously to serving in New Zealand he had been appointed to command the forces in Australia. He was appointed colonel of the 87th Foot in May, 1852.

Catatau, March 6.—The attack on Ma-til-dup's rear guard was organised at Zemindawar. It is reported that several thousand Gassis have been enrolled in that and adjacent districts. The attacking force numbered about 2,000, of whom eight were horsemen, not regulars. They lost 160 killed, and many wounded. The troops continue healthy and the weather is cold. There has been rain on the two last days.

(L. and C. Express)

It will be interesting to note the effect of the export duty on rice now levied at Sagon. Year by year the trade is increasing, and as the Straits Settlements grow, so does the demand for this necessary staple of food will become greater. Siam and Burmese enter into the competition with Cochin China, and the trade will look to whichever place offers the greatest advantages.

Mauritius.—(By telegram, dated Aden, Feb. 4), Ocean Gem, Manila for New York, has put in her with loss of foremast and several spars; stern started and stern stove in; cargo being discharged.

London, Feb. 11, the owners of the *Glamis Castle* (str.) have received this morning telegram from Corunna:—

"steamer temporarily repaired below water line, and came off the beach this morning; she is now safe at a shore in the bay."

China. SHANGHAI.

We hear from the latest arrivals from the North that when *Taku* was passed no steps had been taken to raise the hulk *Aden*, but it was reported attempts were to be made to tow her into shallower water.

R. A. Mowat, Esq., Assistant-Chief Justice, and Mrs. Mowat, were passengers to Foochow on the 16th, in the steamer *Europe*. On *Aden* that a Cotton Mill Company, under foreign auspices, is in process of formation, and that preliminary are so far advanced that its promoters are enabled to take steps for the purchase

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